

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SB 6588

As Reported by House Committee On:

Education
Appropriations

Title: An act relating to transfers of accumulated leave of common school and higher education employees.

Brief Description: Authorizing the transfer of accumulated leave between the common school and higher education systems.

Sponsors: Senators Kauffman, Prentice, Kastama, Hobbs, Sheldon, Delvin, Shin, McAuliffe and Rasmussen.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Education: 2/26/08 [DP];

Appropriations: 3/3/08 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows the transfer of accumulated leave by common school employees and employees of Educational Service Districts to and from institutions of higher education.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 9 members: Representatives Quall, Chair; Barlow, Vice Chair; Priest, Ranking Minority Member; Anderson, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Haigh, Lias, Roach, Santos and Sullivan.

Staff: Cece Clynch (786-7195).

Background:

Common school employees and Educational Service District (ESD) employees may transfer accumulated leave for illness, injury, and emergencies to and from ESDs, school districts, and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). The accumulated leave transfer

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policies relative to higher education employees are broader, allowing transfer to and from any community college district, state agency, four-year institution of higher education, ESD, or school district.

Summary of Bill:

Employees of common schools and ESDs are permitted to transfer accumulated leave to and from two- and four-year institutions of higher education, as well as to ESDs, school districts, and the OSPI.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) Current law does not permit the transfer of accumulated leave by common school employees to institutions of higher education. This would allow such transfers when a school employee becomes employed by an institution of higher education. This is a great bill.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Senator Kauffman, prime sponsor; and Tom Lopp, Public School Employees.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 34 members: Representatives Sommers, Chair; Dunshee, Vice Chair; Alexander, Ranking Minority Member; Bailey, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Haler, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Anderson, Chandler, Cody, Conway, Darneille, Ericks, Fromhold, Grant, Green, Haigh, Hinkle, Hunt, Hunter, Kagi, Kenney, Kessler, Kretz, Linville, McDonald, McIntire, Morrell, Pettigrew, Priest, Ross, Schmick, Schual-Berke, Seaquist, Sullivan and Walsh.

Staff: Ben Rarick (786-7349).

Summary of Recommendation of Committee On Appropriations Compared to Recommendation of Committee On Education:

No new changes were recommended.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Preliminary available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

None.

Persons Testifying: None.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.